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Title : MINIMIZATION OF LIGAND DEGRADATION PRODUCTS, OR

REVERSION OF SAME TO USEFUL PHOSPHINE LIGANDS

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Sir:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 TO FINAL REJECTION

In the above-identified patent application, in response to the Final Rejection dated August 30, 2007, please enter the following amendments as detailed hereinafter and please reconsider the application in view of the arguments presented hereinafter. Inasmuch as rejected claims are cancelled and no other substantive amendments are made herein, this request is a proper request under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

Amendments to the Specification - None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings – Not Applicable

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.